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GENEVA FOR BOSTER, CSCE; VIENNA FOR RESOR, MBFR

ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD HAVE IN MIND STATEMENT MADE DURING DISCUSSIONS HERE DECEMBER 4 AND 5 WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU ON CSCE AND MBFR. RELEVANT PARAGRAPH FROM PARA. 5B OF REPORING TELEGRAM 240920 FOLLOWS:

"CSCE AND MBFR - CEAUSESCU ASKED THAT THE US AT GENEVA ENCOURAGE MEASURES OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND ALSO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT BODY. ON MBFR, HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THINGS WERE NOT GOING THAT WELL BECAUSE NOT ALL OF CENTRAL EUROPE IS BEING DISCUSSED AND BECAUSE THE REDUCTIONS BEING CONSIDERED ARE ONLY SYMBOLIC. THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON MBFR ARE GOING TO
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BE DIFFICULT BUT THAT WE WILL BEAR IN MIND THE CONCERN FOR COUNTRIES LIKE ROMANIA. SIMILARLY, WITH CSCE WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF ROMANIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THE CONFERENCE BUT IT IS CLEAR AT THIS STATE

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THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO HOW THE
CONFERENCE SHOULD EVENTUALLY COME OUT. THE PRESIDENT ASKED

THE SECRETARY TO SEE THAT THE CLOSEST CONSULTATIONS TAKE
PLACE WITH ROMANIA ON BOTH SUBJECTS." RUSH

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